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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Institutions

FROM: Mary Ann Chartrand, Director
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DATE: September 20, 2004

SUBJECT: Federal Interim Rule: Child and Adult Care Food Program: Improving Management and Program Integrity

On September 1, 2004, the Interim Rule, *Child and Adult Care Food Program: Improving Management and Program Integrity* was published in the *Federal Register*. This Interim Rule has the force of law effective, October 1, 2004.

The Interim Rule incorporates in the CACFP regulations the changes mandated by Public Laws 104-193 and 105-336. The changes made by this rule are in several broad areas:

- State Agency review of CACFP applications including permanent agreements
- Monitoring and oversight requirements for state agencies and sponsoring organizations, including household contacts and meal claim edit checks
- Child enrollment form that indicates normal days in care and meals to be received
- Food Stamp Participation reporting requirement – Family Day Care Home Sponsors only
- Training and other operational requirements

The Interim Rule allows for a lengthy period for public comments to permit institutions and state agencies to comment on the rule after they have implemented all of its provisions. Institutions are expected to implement most of these provisions by October 1, 2004. Additional guidance on these regulatory changes will be provided in the next few months.

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You should become familiar with this information, as you will be held responsible for all changes. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (517) 373-7391.

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